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Statement II—Showing the proposals for improvements to ports recently received from the Presidency Port Officer.

Serial number and name of port.	Nature of the works proposed.	Amount of estimate.
		RS.
1 Malpe	Hand-dredging a channel to wharf No. 4 and constructing masonry retaining walls for wharf and part of eastern bank.	18,500
2 Hangarkatta ..	Extension of wharf wall and reclaiming land for wharves.	26,200
3 Calicut	Construction of a third pier	40,00,000
4 (i) Mangalore ..	(i) Reconstruction of north wharf wall and extending the south wharf wall, etc.	2·9 lakhs.
(ii) Gangolli (Coondapoor).	(ii) Improvements to wharves ..	30,000
5 Cocanada ..	Extension of north and south groynes.	Revised estimate. 6·95 lakhs.
6 Do. ..	Constructing wharf walls and reclaiming area for wharves.	69,000
7 Do. ..	Constructing a new dry dock	1·8 lakhs.
8 Cuddalore ..	Reinforced concrete training walls and groynes.	4·1 lakhs.
9 Adirampatam ..	Extension of port road to beach ..	18,000
10 Masulipatam ..	Construction of a dry dock	1·3 lakhs.
11 Minor ports ..	Dredger for dredging open sea bars ..	4 lakhs.

APPENDIX IX.

[*Vide* answer to unstarred question No. 17 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th December 1938, page 44 *supra*.]

The Ministry of Public Information has issued the following Press Communiqué:—

Press Communiqué.

As some misconception appears to exist as regards the concessions available to the ryots in the Government waste lands and reserved forests of the South Kanara district, the following is published for general information:—

(*a*) The holders of land to which Kumaki privileges are attached may enjoy, in the Kumaki lands, free of charge, the following privileges, viz., grazing cattle, cutting, converting, collecting and removing trees, timber and other forest produce subject to the conditions and restrictions explained in the general rules issued under section 26 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882.

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(*b*) Within forest reserves in the district the following concessions were granted as an experimental measure in 1922:—

(1) Permission to clear undergrowth in all reserves (except those near the coast) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings;

(2) in the reserves near the coast, permission to clear undergrowth to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings;

(3) permission to clear undergrowth in all areas sown with *Hopea parviflora;* and

(4) permission for the free removal of—
(i) green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species and
(ii) dead fuel.

These concessions were granted under the following conditions:—

(1) that if in any forest they were in any way abused they would be cancelled in such forest; and

(2) that the forests in which they were granted should not be burnt and that if accidental fires occurred the ryots should afford necessary help to extinguish them without delay.

But in spite of repeated warnings these concessions were greatly abused by the ryots and hence they had to be withdrawn gradually with effect from 1st April 1933 from a few reserves where abuse was greatest. In deference however to several representations received by the Government, the then Hon'ble the Law Member undertook an inspection of the forests in December 1935 and based on that inspection, the Government permitted the removal, free of cost of dry fallen leaves and pieces of firewood, from these reserves which were closed to the concessions, subject to the condition that timber and valuable wood like teak, sandal or rosewood should not be taken away, even if they had fallen down of their own accord. The concession is also liable to be cancelled if it is found that wood is cut whether in a dry or green state. These concessions were permitted also in the six sandalwood reserves which were formerly closed to the concession.

(*c*) The Government have now decided to allow the following further concessions:—

(1) In felled fuel coupes hitherto permanently closed to the removal of green manure leaf, free removal of *Stronilanthes*, *Macaranga*, *Trema*, *Holigarna*, and all climbers

and weeds will be permitted at the discretion of the District Forest Officer by an annual notification.

(2) In all Hopea plantations, free removal of green leaf manure of unclassified species, and of dry leaves and dead fallen wood.

(3) In all areas sown with *Acacia sundra,* free removal of dry leaves and dry fuel and of green leaf manure.

(4) In the following seven reserves where the concession of free removal of green leaf manure is not in force at present, owing either to abuse of the concession in the past or for silvicultural reasons, manure leaf felling series will be formed as an experimental measure, and the coupes will be worked on a short rotation through the agency of contractors, whose selling rate will be restricted:—

(1) Herur Reserved Forest.

(2) Kursegudde Reserved Forest.

(3) Hosabettu Reserved Forest.

(4) Todar Reserved Forest.

(5) Nire Reserved Forest.

(6) Vorwady Reserved Forest.

(7) Sabladi Reserved Forest.

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